

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

- 5 1. A method comprising:
 stalling a request; and
 determining whether the request is suspicious,
 wherein upon a determination that the request is
 suspicious, determining whether malicious code activity
10 is detected based upon the request.
2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
 wherein upon a determination that malicious code
 activity is detected, generating a notification that
15 malicious code activity is detected; and
 implementing one or more protective actions.
3. A method comprising:
 intercepting a request on a host computer system;
20 stalling the request; and
 determining whether the request is suspicious,
 wherein upon a determination that the request is
 suspicious, adding a request entry representative
 of the request to a request database, and
25 determining whether malicious code activity is
 detected on the host computer system based upon the
 request entry.

4. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
wherein upon a determination that the request is not
suspicious, releasing the request.

5 5. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
wherein upon a determination that malicious code
activity is detected on the host computer system, generating
a notification that malicious code activity is detected on
the host computer system; and
10 implementing one or more protective actions.

6. The method of Claim 3, further comprising:
wherein upon a determination that malicious code
activity is not detected on the host computer system,
15 releasing the request.

7. The method of Claim 3, wherein the determining
whether malicious code activity is detected on the host
computer system based upon the request entry further
20 comprises:

generating a counter value associated with the request
entry; and

determining whether the counter value meets a counter
value threshold,

25 wherein upon a determination that the counter value does
not meet the counter value threshold, determining that
malicious code activity is not detected on the host computer
system, and

wherein upon a determination that the counter value meets the counter value threshold, determining that malicious code activity is detected on the host computer system.

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8. The method of Claim 3, wherein the implementing one or more protective actions comprises:
terminating the request.

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9. The method of Claim 3, wherein the request is an HTTP GET request.

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10. The method of Claim 3, wherein the intercepting a request on a host computer system utilizes a local proxy mechanism.

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11. The method of Claim 3, wherein the intercepting a request on a host computer system occurs at the application level.

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12. A malicious code detection device comprising:
an intercept module;
an analyzer module coupled to the intercept module;
a request database coupled to the analyzer module; and
a standards list coupled to the analyzer module.

13. The malicious code detection device of Claim 12, further comprising:

an inclusion profile list coupled to the analyzer module.

14. The malicious code detection device of Claim 12,
5 further comprising:

an exclusion profile list coupled to the analyzer module.

15. The malicious code detection device of Claim 12,
10 further comprising a memory area coupled to the intercept module and the analyzer module.

16. The malicious code detection device of Claim 12,
wherein the intercept module includes an interception
15 mechanism for intercepting a request.

17. A computer program product comprising a computer-readable medium containing computer program code for a method comprising:

20 stalling a request; and
determining whether the request is suspicious,
wherein upon a determination that the request is suspicious, determining whether malicious code activity is detected based upon the request.

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18. The computer program product of Claim 17, the method further comprising:

wherein upon a determination that malicious code activity is detected, generating a notification that malicious code activity is detected; and
implementing one or more protective actions.

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19. A computer program product comprising a computer-readable medium containing computer program code for a method comprising:

intercepting a request on a host computer system;
10 stalling the request; and
determining whether the request is suspicious,
wherein upon a determination that the request is suspicious, adding a request entry representative of the request to a request database, and
15 determining whether malicious code activity is detected on the host computer system based upon the request entry.

20. The computer program product of Claim 19, the
20 method further comprising:

wherein upon a determination that malicious code activity is detected on the host computer system, generating a notification that malicious code activity is detected on the host computer system; and
25 implementing one or more protective actions.